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SUBJECT : FRENCH MEDIA REACTION TO ERW DECISION

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1. OVERALL TONE OF FRENCH MEDIA REACTION TO ERW DECISION HAS BEEN NOTICEABLY BALANCED. ALMOST ALL COMMENTATORS LINK TIMING OF DECISION TO THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO, POINTING OUT THAT A) U.S. PRESIDENT DOES NOT WANT TO GIVE UP AN IMPORTANT BARGAINING CHIP IN ADVANCE AND TOOK DECISION BECAUSE SOVIETS HAD NOT SHOWN RESTRAINT IN ARMS BUILD-UP; B) DECISION IS MEANT TO APPEASE CONGRESSIONAL "HAWKS" WHOSE SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED FOR RATIFICATION OF A SALT II AGREEMENT; C) DECISION ALSO MEANT TO REASSURE NATO ALLIES REGARDING U.S. COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE IN FACE OF SOVIET ARMS BUILD-UP.

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2. ONLY COMMUNIST HUMANITE IS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF DECISION, CALLING IT A NEW STEP IN NUCLEAR ESCALATION AND BLACKMAILING OF THE SOVIETS, AND ASKING IF DECISION WILL NOT TORPEDO SALT AGREEMENT.
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